

Policy on Intellectual Property Matters for the Global Startup Campus (GSC) Initiative

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With regard to intellectual property (IP) created under the GSC Initiative (hereinafter referred to as the “Initiative”), we will promote the following measures to ensure that its value is appropriately attributed to our country and strategically managed and utilized, thereby contributing to the resolution of global social issues and domestic economic growth that this Initiative aims to achieve.

1. Strengthening IP management in this Initiative

- In this Initiative, we will apply the principles of the "Operation Guidelines on IP Management in Commissioned Research and Development (in Japanese)"(Ministry of Economy, Trade, and Industry, May 2015) to formulate a “Basic Policy on IP Management for the Global Startup Campus (GSC) Initiative” (hereinafter referred to as the “Basic Policy”). By implementing appropriate IP management in accordance with this Basic Policy, we aim to maximize the commercialization of project outcomes and achieve the maximization of national wealth.
- Based on the Basic Policy, a commissioned research agreement will be prepared to define the rights, obligations, and other matters related to IP between the Secretariat of the Science, Technology and Innovation, the Cabinet Office (hereinafter referred to as “CAO”)/Agency for the Promotion of the Utilization of Advanced Technology Research Results (tentative name) (hereinafter referred to as the “Agency”) and project participants. Additionally, the development of an IP agreement among project participants is recommended.
- CAO/the Agency shall ensure that continuous and appropriate IP management implementation in accordance with the progress of the project through measures such as establishing and operating a framework (IP structure) for coordinating the handling of research and development outcomes among project participants, including matters such as rights obtainment, confidentiality, and publication. In addition, CAO/the Agency shall establish a secretariat to confirm, based on reports

from the IP Structure, that appropriate IP management is being implemented in accordance with the Basic Policy.

2. Support framework for implementing the IP strategy within the overall Initiative

- For the overall Initiative, CAO/the Agency will establish an IP division to implement IP strategies, including the open and closed IP strategy, and will develop a support framework for implementing the necessary IP strategies for project participants.
- Specifically, we will practice strategic IP management and utilization by developing in-house IP expertise, establishing a structure that includes secretariat functions to monitor the status of strategic IP management, building and strengthening a network of specialized experts to support the formulation of IP strategies in specific fields such as AI and biotechnology, and serving as a bridge between project participants and these specialized experts.
- CAO/the Agency will implement an IP talent development program and will encourage project participants to utilize it.